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In re Application of
Kouichi Takahashi, et al.
Application No. 09/590,897
Filed: June 9, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 16869P010700US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 23, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of March 25, 2003. A one-month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is July 26, 2003.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$770, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1330; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) (3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2827 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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